

NEIC Support Requests

NEIC will continue to direct its new activities toward national and regional initiatives and priorities as described in the OECA MOA guidance and the regional MOAs. NEIC project selection will also be guided by the Administrator's themes, the Agency Strategic Plan, GPRA, and the national goals effort. NEIC activities will be focused on an enforcement/compliance end point. Furthermore, NEIC will be examining requests for assistance based upon the potential for producing measurable environmental results and the degree to which activities provide opportunity to use or enhance unique capabilities (e.g., multi-disciplined teams, in-depth process evaluations, complex analytical procedures, etc.). As in the past, NEIC will continue to support ongoing projects to the extent commitments were made in FY 2001 or previous years, including case preparation and enforcement support.

To initiate discussions necessary to plan and schedule appropriate enforcement support for FY 2002, NEIC would like to receive requests from the regions by **June 22, 2001**. It is important that NEIC receive all regional submissions by June 22nd to allow for an examination of all projects in line with resources. These requests should be as specific as possible, and include information to help NEIC determine whether they can provide the requested support. As completely as possible, this information should include:

- facility/project name and location;
- desired enforcement support (type of investigation, technical assistance, information request, etc.);
- desired time frame (if critical);
- desired outcome of project (enforcement, measurable environmental impact, corrective action, settlement, compliance, etc.);
- Regional/Headquarters priority(ies)/initiative(s) involved;
- a brief description regarding how and why this particular facility/project was selected for NEIC support; and
- a name and phone number of a contact for additional information.

During the review of the requests, NEIC will have discussions with the various regional contacts regarding aspects of each request. The combination of information sent with the original request and that obtained during these discussions will enable NEIC to determine whether the requested support can be provided. The final decisions and commitments will be included in the negotiated MOAs.

If you have any questions regarding this process please contact either Gene Lubieniecki, (303) 236-6112, or Robert Tolpa (202) 564-2337. Please send NEIC support requests to both Gene and Robert.

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NETI Training Course Outline

The National Enforcement Training Institute (NETI) is the division of OCEFT responsible for developing, coordinating and delivering training to federal, state, local and tribal lawyers, inspectors, civil and criminal investigators and technical experts in all phases of environmental enforcement. NETI was established by the 1990 Pollution Prosecution Act and is EPA's only Congressionally mandated training entity. NETI promotes a balanced training approach using traditional classroom training, distance learning tools such as computer-based training, and cooperative agreements with other organizations to reach a broad audience.

A complete list of NETI courses, their description and availability can be found at NETI's website (<http://www.epa.gov/oeca/neti>) or by calling 1-800-EPA-NETI.

During FY 2000, OECA offices and regional enforcement programs submitted their top Enforcement and Compliance training needs to NETI. As a result, NETI targeted its resources to meet these needs and encouraged OECA offices to support and facilitate the most pressing training needs where appropriate. In addition, regions allocated their resources to train personnel to address both core program related and specialized training needs. In a continuing effort to dedicate training resources to areas of both greatest need and benefit, attached is a list of the most frequently requested courses being provided through NETI, other OECA offices as well as training developed and delivered by regional offices. In reviewing the list, NETI is requesting that the regions respond to the following questions:

- C Is it anticipated that the training courses listed will remain in high demand during FY 2002/2003?
- C Is it anticipated that there will be a significantly increased demand for any courses during FY 2002/2003 currently offered by NETI but **not** included on the top request list?
- C Is there an anticipation that the region will be developing and delivering **new** enforcement and compliance training courses during FY 2002/2003 ? If so, a brief description and proposed schedule is requested if available.
- C What additional training courses are needed?

“GENERAL SKILLS TRAINING”

**Requested by Regional and OECA offices with supporting proposals or deliverables reported
TRAINING NEED**

Advanced Negotiation Skills Training

Advanced Course on Economic Benefit of Non-Compliance

Advanced Inspector Training (Includes interviewing, witness preparation)

Alternative Dispute Resolution Skills -Basic

Alternative Dispute Resolution Skills -Advanced

Basic Inspector Tribal Training

Basic ABEL

Basic BEN

Basic PROJECT (SEP Analysis)

Basic Inspector Training:

Endangered Species Training

Enforcement Teamwork: Regulations to Resolution

Environmental Management Systems and Enforcement / Compliance-Focused Environmental Management Systems

Environmental Forensics

NPDES: EPA 1440 Occupational Health and Safety Training

Pollution Prevention for Enforcement and Compliance Officers

“PROGRAM SPECIFIC TRAINING”

**Requested by Regional and OECA offices with supporting proposals or deliverables reported
TRAINING NEED**

Administrative Hearings and Trials

CAA Air Toxics Training

CAA Case Development Training

TRAINING NEED

Case Development Training for FIFRA/TSCA/EPCRA

CERCLA: Enforcement Process Training

Concentrated Animal Feedlot Operations

Environmental Law/Case Development Training

Iron and Steel Mini-Mills Sector Training

Lead (Pb) Inspection Training

National Data Base Maintenance Training

New Superfund Attorney Training

NSR/PSD Enforcement Training

Oil Pollution Act Training

PCS Advanced General Retrievals

Pesticide Use Enforcement Training Course

Petroleum Refining Training

PWS Audit Verification Training

RCRA Enforcement Practitioners Workshop

RCRA Inspector Training - Advanced

RCRA Inspector Training-Basic

Regulation of Radiation Materials Training

SPCC Inspection Training

Stormwater / Sanitary Sewer Overflow Enforcement Training

Underground Injection Controls Training

Underground Storage Tanks Training

Wastewater Inspection Curricula

What Every Superfund Attorney Should Know About Bankruptcy